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For: **DEVICE HAVING AN OPERATING AND FUNCTIONAL UNIT**

REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 4, 2009 ("Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks. The shortened statutory due date for filing a response to the Office Action was June 4, 2009; thus a petition for a two-month extension of time is filed concurrently with this Reply.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

Applicants believe that no further extension of time is required at this time. If an extension of time is necessary to prevent abandonment of this application and is not filed

herewith, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

Applicants believe that no further fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. Any fees required for further extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.